having a clause added to their Bill whereby any doubt relative to the power of this Council to sell the Exhibition and Military Grounds, and the proceeds as far as needed to the paying of the lien on Queen's Park, and erecting suitable buildings thereon for Fair and Park purposes may be removed.

The Mayor then read the draft of the petition to the Local Legislature.

Ald. Moore moved an amendment, seconded by Ald Vining, that this Council, recognizing the right of the citizens to have their voice in the expenditure of large sums of money, petition the Local Legislature to have a clause inserted in the Western Fair Association Act of Incorporation, making it necessary to have the vote of the citizens taken on the granting of any sum of money to aid said Association.

Ald. Moore's amendment was lost on the following vote:—

Yeas—Ald. C Taylor, Greer, Moore, Moule, Vining, Geo. Taylor—6

Nays—Ald. Jarvis, Davis, McDonald, Bowman, Hook, Stringer, Dreaney, Mc Intosh, Heaman—9 Motion carried.

Ald. Hook moved that Mayor Cowan and Ald. Bowman be a deputation to Toronto in support of the Bill. Carried.

EXEMPTIONS.

On motion of Ald. Davis the By-law exempting Spencer & Sons from taxation was laid over as it was desirable to consider it with Mr. Minhinnick's application.

Referred to No 1 Committee.

THE POLICE GRANT.

The By-law granting $500 to the Police Benefit Fund was read twice and referred back to No. 1 Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE CIVIC OFFICIALS.

By Ald Davis, hairman:—

1. In pursuance of instructions from your Committee, G. F. Jewell, City Auditor prepared a report *re* civic officials and other matters pertaining to the better management of our civic business which is herewith submitted.

2. Your Committee recommend the following:—That the City Clerk be provided with a competent assistant.

3. That the City Engineer have a competent assistant.

4 That each year a separate roll be prepared of small incomes, statute labor and dog taxes, and that the preparation of the said roll and the collection of said taxes be done by John Keary, who shall continue to act as Clerk of Committees.

5. That a by-law be prepared making it compulsory on the part of the builders to obtain a builder's permit from the City Engineer before they can proceed with the erection of any building in the fire limits.

6. That the Collectors' roll be prepared earlier in the year than at present.

7. That as soon as the assessment of a ward is completed the book containing the assessment be given to the City Clerk at once, so that he can proceed with the preparation of the Collector's roll and the voters' list.

8 That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimates of the probable cost of remodelling the civic offices and building a large vault to store civic books and accounts

9. That whereas it is desirable that the assessment of the city should be more carefully made, it is recommended that Stephen Grant shall be appointed Assessment Commissioner, and that he shall be responsible for the proper assessment of the city; that he shall assist in assessing the same, that he shall also assist in the preparation of the Voters' List and Collectors' Roll, which, with the necessary assessment contingent on local improvements, will occupy his entire time.

10. That owing to the uncleanly state of the City Hall, No. 2 Committee be instructed to take charge of the said Hall and see that it is properly cleaned.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The first and second clauses passed.

Ald Taylor moved that the third clause be referred to No 2 Committee.

Ald. Stringer moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Ald. George Taylor in the chair. Carried

The motion to refer the clause to No 1 then passed.

The fourth clause passed.

The fifth clause was referred to No. 2

Clause 6 passed.

Clause 7 passed.

The 8th clause passed.

On the 9th clause, Ald. Taylor moved that Mr. Grant be appointed assistant to the City Clerk. Lost.

The clause and the balance of the report were adopted.

The Committee rose and reported

On the motion for the adoption of the report, Ald. McDonald called for the yeas and nays.

The report was adopted on the following vote: -

Yeas. Ald. Jarvis, Davis, Greer, Moule, Bowman, Stringer, Moore, Vining, Geo Taylor, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman- 12

Nays—Ald. McDonald- 1.

NO 3 COMMITTEE.

Ald Stringer (Chairman) reported as follows:—

1—That the tender of Southcott & Patton for ten suits of serge for the Fire Department, at $16 each be accepted.

Ald Hook moved in amendment seconded by Ald C. Taylor, that R. Boyd & Sons' names be substituted He said Mr. Boyd's sample was the best.

Ald Greer moved that Mr. Boyd be eard Lost.

The motion to adopt the report was arried on the following vote:—

Yeas—Ald. Jarvis, Davis, McDonald, Bowman Stringer, Moore, Vining, Geo Taylor, McIntosh, Heaman.

Nays Ald. Taylor, Greer, Moule, Hook

NO. 2 COMMITTEE

Ald. Moore (Chairman) presented the following recommendations: -

1 *Re* Thomas Connor's claim for damages No action.

2—*Re* Hueston vs. City of London - That the Solicitor be instructed to proceed with arbitration and our arbitrator notified.

3 *Re* opening Rectory street—That no action be taken until some proposition is made by parties interested

4 *Re* opening Glebe street—Your Committee request permission to take the necessary steps to open said street.

5 *Re* claims of A. T. Reid, John Dundas and Vick. No action

6 *Re* petition of George Craddock and others —That in future competitive designs be asked from city architects for all public buildings of considerable importance.

7—That the Engineer be empowered to procure a new broom for sweeping machine.

Ald Taylor moved an amendment to the first clause to reconsider Mr. Connor's claim. Lost.

The clause was adopted.

The second, third, fourth and fifth clauses passed.

The sixth clause was read.

Ald. Davis moved that it be laid over.

Ald. Taylor moved that it be struck out.

Both lost

The clause and the report was adopted.

NO 1 COMMITTEE

Ald Bowman submitted the 8th report of No. 1 Committee as follows :

Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment: -

NO 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Incidental Expenses—		
Telegram	$ 1 17	$ 1 17

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc.—		
Pay sheet	$220 32	220 32

NO 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Fire Department -		
Essex & Bailey	$ 38 59	38 59

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Wm. Heaman..	$169 25	
R. R. passes..........	43 15	212 40
		$ 472 48

2—That the petition of Mrs. Wyckoff, for remission of taxes be granted by allowing a rebate of $21 40.

3—That the petitions of C. Greason and H. McMechan be filed.

4 Your Committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Mrs. Moran, John Francis, G.D. Sutherland and others.

5—That the communications of J. M. Wilson and the call men of the Fire Department be considered with the salary clauses in your Committee's 7th report.

6—Your Committee beg to recommend passage of by-laws to exempt Messrs. William Spencer & Co. from taxation for five years, and leave to lay a pipe under Simcoe street opposite their property on said street.

7—That clause No. 16 *re* expropriation in Act to incoroporate the Western Fair Association be struck out.

8—That the Council memorialize the Legislature against the passage of amendments to the Assessment Act *re* income exemptions.

9—That the petition of George Heaman be granted, and the Clerk be instructed to make the necessary correction.

10 That the petition of Mrs. Donnelly for remission of arrears of taxes be granted.

The reports were taken up clause by clause. The accounts passed.

The 15th to 19th clauses of No. 1 Committee's report, laid over from last meeting, were then read by Ald. Bowman, Chairman, as follows:—

On the 15th clause of the deferred report, Ald. Taylor spoke in favor of granting the increase to the call men. There were many false alarms that they had to answer that were not counted.

Ald McDonald moved that call men who have been in the service of the city for three years or over, receive the increase of salary their communication asks for. Ald Greer seconded.

The amendment was lost on the following vote:—

Yeas—Ald. Taylor, Davis, McDonald, Greer, Moule, Stringer- 6

Nays—Ald. Jarvis, Bowman, Moore, Vining, Geo. Taylor, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman 8. The clause was adopted.

Clause 16 was struck out

the Chairman, in view of the proposed changes in the Hospital staff

Ald McDonald moved in amendment that Dr. Belton's salary be $1,200, but was the only member of the Council who voted for it

Clause 17—Ald. Moule moved that the City Clerk's salary be the same as last year.

Ald. Greer seconded.

At the suggestion of His Worship, the following words were added to the clause, "and that the salaries for the three months paid be as before."

Ald Bowman amended the clause in accordance with that suggestion

On motion the Council adjourned.